Unemployed persons

*592. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons unemployed in various categories in the country as on 1st January of 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001;

(b) whether the number of unemployed persons would further increase after closing down of many small scale industries due to low price of imported goods, shifting and closing of polluting units, ban on diesel buses, restrictions on use of cycle rickshaws on certain roads etc; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide alternative employment to the affected persons and increase employment opportunities to tackle unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) Total number of job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st December of 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 was about 391, 401, 404 and 413 lakh respectively. Category-wise break-up is available as on 31st December 1997, 1998 and 30th June, 1999. The same are given as Statement.

The overall unemployment scenario during 1999-2000 has not undergone significant change as compared to 1993-94. Employment in the small-scale industry has been showing an increasing trend. The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and underemployment. The Central Government is also supporting employment generation programmes both for urban and rural areas. In addition, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission is studying

the employment generation taking place and would suggest measures to generate at least Ten crore jobs in a period of 10 years (One crore jobs in each year).

Statement

Category-wise Live Register of job seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges.

(in lakhs)

Category	Live Register as on		
	31st Dec. 97	31st Dec. 98	30th June 99
Total	391	401	406
Women	90	95	99
Scheduled Caste	56	58	59
Scheduled Tribe	16	17	18
Handicapped	4.0	4.2	4.4

E-Mail facility at District Industry Centres

†*593. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide E-mail facility at District Industry Centres of all the States in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) by when the said facility would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Government has computerised 138 District Industry Centres under the Central

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